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SUBJ: FY 1975 TRAVEL LIMITATIONS

REF: STATE 028271

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, I AM ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO BARBADOS, TO THE STATE OF GRENADA, AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FIVE (5) ASSOCIATED STATES OF WEST INDIES, ALL LOCATED ON DIFFERENT ISLANDS. IT WAS MY INTENTION AFTER LEAVING WASHINGTON TO PERSONALLY PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO EACH GOVERNOR GENERAL AND PREMIER, AS APPROPRIATE. IN CASE OF GRENADA, DCM HAD, PURSUANT TO MY INSTRUCTIONS, TENTATIVELY ARRANGED FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24.

2. REFTTEL APPARENTLY PRECLUDES SUCH TRAVEL.

3. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, ATTENTION AND ANTICIPATION HAS BEEN GENERATED BY MY ARRIVAL IN BRIDGETOWN, AND PRESUMABLY THE GOVERNMENTS LEADERS ARE AWAITING SIMILAR OFFICIAL VISITS TO THEIR ISLANDS. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT I PERSONALLY TRAVEL AS PLANNED AND EXPECTED TO THEIR CAPITALS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT, OBSERVE, AND BE PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. ANY SIGNIFICANT DELAY ON MY PART WOULD BE POORLY RECEIVED THERE AND RISK PREJUDICING THE SUCCESS OF MY MISSION FROM ITS INCEPTION. LASTLY, IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF MY APPOINTMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE BAN IMPOSED BY REFTTEL BE EXCEPTED TO AUTHORIZE IMMEDIATE TRAVEL TO GRENADA, ST. VINCENT, ST. LUCIA,
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DOMINICA, ST. KITTS, AND ANTIGUA, ACCOMPANIED BY AN APPROPRIATE

MEMBER OF MY STAFF.
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